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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending in the instant application.

Claim 1 has been acknowledged to be allowable.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Surampudi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,599,638).

Accordingly, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case and in light of the Examiner's acknowledgment of allowability of claim 1, Applicants have canceled claim 2, without prejudice, thus rendering moot all pending rejections of the instant application.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of pending claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

Replacement Drawings

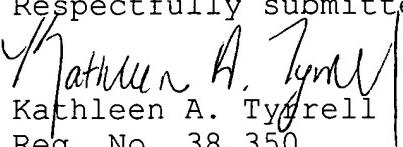
Applicants are submitting herewith replacement drawings for consideration in light of the objections noted in the PTO 948 Notice of Draftpersons' Patent Drawing Review.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly,

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favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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